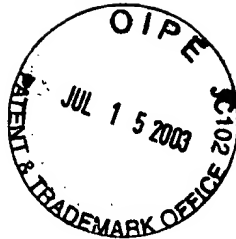


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: Group Art Unit: 2821
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: Filed: July 20, 2001)
: For: ELECTRON-EMITTING DEVICE)
: AND IMAGE FORMING)
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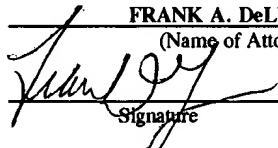
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